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PAT is an early childhood parent education and family support program helping every parent to be their child's best, first teacher.

Block Fest is an interactive building extravaganza for parents and children 8 months to 8 years of age. Block play helps children develop early math, science and literacy skills. Early learning helps prepare children for success in school and life.



Approved for
3 hours of Idaho
Stars CE credit.

Hosted in Boise by:
The University of Idaho Parents as Teachers
UI Boise Center; 322 E. Front Street, Boise

Directions to UI Boise Center:

From I-84 Take Broadway Exit. Proceed North on Broadway to Front Street; turn Left on Front Street. At the first light turn Right into the parking lot. Parking is available under the UI Boise Building and is free after 5:30pm. Take the Gold elevators to the 1st floor. Look for signs to classroom 156.

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BLOCK Fest
WORKSHOP

Emergent Math & Science Block Play as Learning



Presented by:
University of Idaho Parents as Teachers

Monday, January 28, 2008
6:00 - 9:00 pm
University of Idaho Boise Center
322 E. Front Street
Boise, Idaho

Emergent Math & Science: Block Play as Learning

This hands-on workshop will be interactive and fun while participants learn about new research, strategies, and resources for block play. Participants will have an opportunity to learn how different types of blocks support emergent math, science, motor, language, and problem solving skills. In addition, each participant will be given materials to take back into their classroom or setting along with information written for parents about block play.



Children who leave the early years unable to read, write or perform basic mathematical operations, find it difficult to progress in later years.

Who should attend?

The workshop is designed for early childhood professionals and students, child care providers, PAT educators, and K-2 teachers.

Goals & Objectives: At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

Identify current research that supports the importance of block play and its relationships to school success, particularly in math and science.

Articulate examples of how block play supports the Idaho Math Standards.

Demonstrate effective methods of teaching and supporting young children to develop emergent math and science skills.

Understand how to help parents support their child's learning in block play.

Understand the benefits of block play for children with special needs.

"Advancing math performance in Idaho's students and positioning our state for the challenges of rapidly advancing technologies will require that we think outside of the box..."



Presenters:

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Registration Form

Name _____

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Address _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Prices: please check one

- ☐ \$20.00 for students
- ☐ \$60.00 for non-students

Cost includes all materials & light refreshments.

Method of Payment:

☐ Check [Payable to University of Idaho]

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Only one participant per registration form please.

This event is eligible for IdahoSTARS continuing education hours and scholarship reimbursement. Participants can send their receipt and certificate for reimbursement to Diana Duskin, at Idaho AEYC.

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